

# Welcome to OUR LADY OF LOURDES PARISH

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We would like to acknowledge the Giabal and Jarowair peoples, Traditional Owners of this land and pay our respects to their Elders past and present.

## Sunday, 26<sup>th</sup> May 2024 The Most Holy Trinity - Year B

### First Reading

[Deuteronomy 4:32-34, 39-40](#)

A reading from the book of Deuteronomy

*The Lord himself is God in heaven above and on earth below: there is no other.*

Moses said to the people: 'Put this question to the ages that are past, that went before you, from the time God created man on earth: Was there ever a word so majestic, from one end of heaven to the other? Was anything ever heard? Did ever a people hear the voice of the living God speaking from the heart of the fire, as you heard it, and remain alive? Has any god ventured to take to himself one nation from the midst of another by ordeals, signs, wonders, war with mighty hand and outstretched arm, by fearsome terrors – all this that the Lord your God did for you before your eyes in Egypt?

'Understand this today, therefore, and take it to heart: The Lord is God indeed, in heaven above as on earth beneath, he and no other. Keep his laws and commandments as I give them to you today so that you and your children may prosper and live long in the land that the Lord your God gives you for ever.'

### Responsorial Psalm

[Ps 32:4-6, 9, 18-20, 22, R. v12](#)

(R). Happy the people the Lord has chosen to be his own.

1. The word of the Lord is faithful and all his works to be trusted. The Lord loves justice and right and fills the earth with his love. (R.)

2. With his word the heavens were made, by the breath of his mouth all the stars. He spoke; and they came to be. He commanded; they sprang into being. (R.)

3. The Lord looks on those who revere him, on those who hope in his love, to rescue their souls from death, to keep them alive in famine. (R)

4. Our soul is waiting for the Lord. The Lord is our help and our shield. May your love be upon us, O Lord, as we place all our hope in you. (R)

### Second Reading

[Romans 8:14-17](#)

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans.

*You have received the Spirit that makes you God's own children, and in that Spirit we call God: Father, our Father!*

Everyone moved by the Spirit is a son of God. The spirit you received is not the spirit of slaves bringing fear into your lives again; it is the spirit of sons, and it makes us cry out, 'Abba, Father!' The Spirit himself and our spirit bear united witness that we are children of God. And if we are children we are heirs as well: heirs of God and coheirs with Christ, sharing his sufferings so as to share his glory.



### Gospel Acclamation

[See Revelation 1:8](#)

Alleluia, alleluia!

Glory to the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit: to God who is, who was, and who is to come.

Alleluia!

### Gospel

[Matthew 28:16-20](#)

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

*Baptise them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and the Holy Spirit.*

The eleven disciples set out for Galilee, to the mountain where Jesus had arranged to meet them. When they saw him they fell down before him, though some hesitated. Jesus came up and spoke to them. He said, 'All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go, therefore, make disciples of all the nations; baptise them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teach them to observe all the commands I gave you. And know that I am with you always; yes, to the end of time.'

## Parish Activities

**ANAM CARA** – Wednesday 9.00am in the Presbytery

**BAPTISM** information nights are held on the 1st Wednesday of the month. Please phone the office if you wish to attend.

**CHILDREN'S LITURGY** - 9.30AM Mass (except school holidays) for children in Prep - Yr 4.

**CRAFT & FRIENDSHIP GROUP** - meet every Thursday at 10:30am in the quiet room at the church.

**ECUMENISM GROUP** - meet the 4th Saturday of each month at 9:30am in the Children's Liturgy Room followed by a cuppa.

**LITURGY GROUP** - meet every 4th Monday of the month at 7:00pm in the Quiet Room.

**LOURDES PRAYER GROUP** - meet after the 10am Mass every Tuesday.

**PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL** – meet the 1st Monday of each month at 6.30pm in the Quiet Room.

**SOCIAL JUSTICE** - meet 1st Sunday of the month at 10:30am in the quiet room of the Church.

**ST VINCENT DE PAUL** - meet on the 2nd and 4th Thursday afternoons in the quiet room at the church at 2pm.

## Parish Councillors

Cristianne Dias, Jo Johnston, Ray Johnston, Candice Poulton, Bernadette Witham, Anna Chandler, Emma Dever, Melissa McLean and Julie Whittaker.

## Safeguarding Children, Young People and Adults at risk:

In Our Lady of Lourdes Parish, we commit ourselves to ensuring the safety and well-being of children, young people and adults at risk in our Parish community. The best interests of the child, young person or adult at risk come first.

Our Parish takes a zero tolerance approach to all forms of abuse. Concerns about the safety of children, young people and adults at risk may be raised with our Parish Safeguarding Representatives (**Joe & Sarah Kelly 0437 839 838**). If you believe anybody is at immediate risk of harm you should phone 000. You are encouraged to provide feedback on Safeguarding policies and procedures.

**Toowoomba Diocese Safeguarding Resources** can be found at <https://www.twb.catholic.org.au/safeguarding-policy-resources/>

## HISTORICAL CONTEXT

### I believe

The word 'Trinity' does not appear anywhere in the New Testament although one can certainly see the beginnings of ideas about a Trinitarian God. It was not until 325, at the Council of Nicea, that the doctrine of the trinity was established as being orthodox teaching. This council sought to officially define the relationship between the Father and the Son as a response to the arguments of Arius (later known as Arian heresy). The statement of beliefs developed by this council in 325 is the Creed (credo - I believe) that is used in Catholic churches around the world today.

## Sunday Reflection...

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When Pope Francis instituted the Extraordinary Jubilee of Mercy in 2015 he said the following: 'Mercy: the word reveals the very mystery of the Most Holy Trinity.'

'With our eyes fixed on Jesus and his merciful gaze,' the Pope went on to say, 'we experience the love of the Most Holy Trinity. The mission Jesus received from the Father was that of revealing the mystery of divine love in its fullness.'

The Pope reminds us that Jesus showed us what mercy looks like. 'The signs he works, especially in favour of sinners, the poor, the marginalized, the sick, and the suffering, are all meant to teach mercy. Everything in him speaks of mercy. Nothing in him is devoid of compassion.'

Which shows us what kind of community our Merciful God calls us to be. 'Mercy is the very foundation of the Church's life,' declared Pope Francis, reminding us that 'nothing in her preaching and in her witness to the world can be lacking in mercy.'

'All of her pastoral activity should be caught up in the tenderness she makes present to believers,' he stresses.

'From the heart of the Trinity, from the depths of the mystery of God,' the Pope concludes, 'the great river of mercy wells up and overflows unceasingly. It is a spring that will never run dry, no matter how many people draw from it. Every time someone is in need, he or she can approach it, because the mercy of God never ends.'



## Have you thought? Mystery

I always thought that to describe the Trinity as a 'mystery' was a bit of a 'cop out' for not offering a decent explanation. However, a theological 'mystery' is defined as something that not only are we incapable of discovering except through divine revelation, but that even when its truth has been fully revealed, we are incapable of fully grasping it. Our understanding can never be any more than partial, even when we fully accept it. This is a concept with which our world struggles – that there is something that is not fully able to be known but it's OK not to fully understand it.

## LIVING THE GOSPEL

### The Sign of the Cross

Jesus' instruction that the disciples go out to all the nations and baptize them 'in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit' is an instruction that is still being carried on today. Those precise words are used by the priest at every baptism. They are also the words used in the sign of the cross – whether that is a personal, private blessing of oneself or a blessing of a group as in the introductory and dismissal rites as part of a Eucharistic celebration. When we make the sign of the cross we use the words of Jesus.

## Thought of the day.....

Have you heard the rumor about butter?

Never mind, I shouldn't be spreading it.





## Please Pray For...

### Recent Deaths:

**Anniversaries:** Barry Fraser, Margaret Barrie, Jack Costello, Pat Lynch, Irene Dunne, Catherine Keating, Sr Joan Shannon MSS, Josephine Paddison, Betty 'Joan' Kirwin, George Elliott, Fr Francis Hall,

**Those Who Are Sick:** Bev Brown, Eileen Reedy, Robert McLean, Kevin Arnott, Con Sullivan, Carmel Green, Ernie Kupfer, Jasmine Fletcher, Margaret Conrick, Hazel Soriano, Tim & Olivia Zvirblis, Audrey Bentley, Yvonne Oliveiro, Gregory and Genia Casey, Noel Lipp, Michael (Micky) Lynch, Kevin Boland, Frank Kenneally, Carmel & Ron O'Brien, Lillian Roberts, Brian Thomson, Judy Reardon, Peggy Thies, John Axtell, Noel O'Mara, Mick O'Mara, Patrick Wright

**May Birthdays:** Libby Ferguson, John Trueman, Bernie Dever, Abigail Schoolr, Janice Moore, Brian Reardon, Marie Logan, Emily Dwan, Mark Whitelegg, Charlie Schoolr, Mary-Kate Thomson

## Parish News...

Sat 25/5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>o 4.45pm Reconciliation</li> <li>o <b>6.00pm Mass</b></li> </ul>
Sun 26/5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>o <b>9.30am Mass</b></li> <li>o 11.00am First Eucharist Mass</li> <li>o <b>5.30pm Mass</b></li> </ul>
Mon 27/5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>o 7pm Liturgy Group Meeting in Quiet Room</li> </ul>
Tue 28/5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>o <b>10am Mass</b></li> <li>o 10.30am Prayer Group in Quiet Room</li> </ul>
Wed 29/5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>o 9am Anam Cara in the Presbytery</li> <li>o <b>10am Mass</b></li> <li>o 6.30pm SPRED</li> </ul>
Thu 30/5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>o <b>10am Mass</b></li> <li>o 10.30am Friendship &amp; Craft Group in Quiet Room</li> </ul>
Fri 31/5	

### Date Claimers:

- 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> June – Annual Planned Giving Presentation
- 2<sup>nd</sup> June – JAM Session
- 3<sup>rd</sup> June - Parish Council changeover meeting 6.30pm

### Parish Working Bee

Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> June from 8.00am to 10.00am followed by morning tea.  
BYO wheelbarrows, shovels etc.  
Your help would be very much appreciated.



### Would your child like to be an Altar Server?

If your child has been Confirmed and has made (or is making this weekend) their First Communion, and they would like to be an Altar Server, please contact the parish office to register your interest.

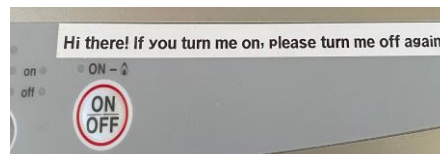
## Congratulations and Thank you!

Congratulations to the children who were Confirmed by Bishop Ken Howell on Tuesday, 21<sup>st</sup> May. It was a very prayerful celebration. Also, a big 'Thank You' to the Sacramental Team who assisted the children in their preparation. The children will now make their First Communion this Sunday, 26<sup>th</sup> May at 11am.



## General Church Reminders

Coming into a warm church the last few weeks has been lovely but we just ask that you please make sure all 3 heaters are turned off (on the heater – not at the wall) before leaving. If you are sitting near a heater, you may turn it off at any time – you don't need to wait until Mass is over. The temperature and fan settings are preset so they do not need to be altered in any way. It is also very important that the **powerpoints** attached to the heaters are **not turned off** directly after use. The heater's internal units need time to cool down and this cannot happen if the powerpoints are turned off. Thank you.



Pictured: The On/Off button on the heaters. They are very simple to operate.

Time	Altar Servers	Welcomers	Commentary	Ministers of the Word	Offertory Procession	Extraordinary Ministers	I pad Operator	Piety Stall
1 <sup>st</sup> June at 6pm	I Whittaker J Whittaker	N & D Clark	G Ferguson	L Walsh J Soriano	M & J Wells	H. P Hoopert W. K Ober W. B Witham	M Connell	K Ward
2 <sup>nd</sup> June at 9.30am	E McLean L Anderson	P & J Gleeson	M Ondrus	K Kruger S Connolly	Blumke Family	H. Cleber Dias W. C Anderson W. P Murphy	M Conrick	P Town
2 <sup>nd</sup> June at 5.30pm	H Beutel H Ryan	K Langdale S Whitelegg	C Golightly	B Bambosek Daniel Salty	K Langdale A Bishop	H. A Jessen W. J Johnston W. M Whitelegg	T Haylock	J Sullivan

## Accommodation/Boarding required

Innocent is a 23 year old male Registered nurse about to take up employment with Toowoomba Base Hospital on 17<sup>th</sup> June. He graduated from ACU, Brisbane and was schooled at Padua College, Brisbane. Two character references are available. Please phone the parish office for more information or if you can help.

## World Children's Day 25<sup>th</sup>/26<sup>th</sup> May.

In his message for the first World Children's Day, delivered in March, Pope Francis said in order for us and our world to grow and flourish, we needed to be united with one another, and with Jesus. 'From Jesus we receive a great deal of courage. He is always close to us, his Spirit goes before us and accompanies us on all the world's pathways. Jesus told us: "Behold, I make all things new" (Rev 21:5); this is the theme I have chosen for your first World Day. These words invite us to become as clever as children in grasping the new realities stirred up by the Spirit, both within us and around us. With Jesus, we can dream of the renewal of our human family and work for a more fraternal society that cares for our common home. 'This starts with little things, like saying hello to others, asking permission, begging pardon, and saying thank you. Our world will change if we all begin with these little things, without being ashamed to take small steps, one at a time,' Pope Francis said.

## Winter Shelter 2024

For the fourth year in a row, Winter Shelter Toowoomba will be providing accommodation and meals during the winter months for men and women experiencing homelessness. Our parish will be partnering with St. Therasas and St. Thomas More's for 6 Monday nights from June to August this year. The dates are:

- 10<sup>th</sup> June – St Theresa's
- 24<sup>th</sup> June – St Thomas More's
- 8<sup>th</sup> July – St Theresa's
- 22<sup>nd</sup> July – St Thomas More's
- 5<sup>th</sup> Aug – St Theresa's
- 19<sup>th</sup> Aug – St Thomas More's

### In person Volunteer Opportunities

- Assist with setting up the Church (3pm – 4pm on the Monday)
- Evening meal with guests (5pm – 10pm) – welcome, serving of meal, sharing of meal with guest, wash up, fellowship
- Overnight (2 people from 10pm – 2am) and 2 people from 2am – 6am)
- Breakfast and pack-up (6am – 8am on the Tuesday)

### Other Volunteer Opportunities

- Purchase of socks, small bag of lollies, toiletries to place on beds
- Cooking of a main meal, dessert
- Cooking of biscuits or slices to share on welcome and to takeaway the next day
- Washing of the linen on the Tuesday (each church has their own set so have some time to complete)



# ENEWS UPDATE

A newsletter from the Catholic Diocese of Toowoomba for clergy, parishes, schools, staff and the wider community.

## OUR LADY HELP OF CHRISTIANS NATIONWIDE ROSARY

**Date:** 25/5/24 Saturday **Where:** St Patrick's Cathedral, Tmba  
**Time:** 2:00pm-4:00pm

Our Lady Help of Christians Nationwide Holy Rosary is happening again this year. Locally there is a gathering being held at St Patrick's Cathedral. If you would like to hold your own gathering in your parish please email [olhcrosarynationwide@gmail.com](mailto:olhcrosarynationwide@gmail.com) for a resource pack which includes the full Holy Rosary, hymns and prayers of intercession.

## CORPUS CHRISTI 40 HOUR PRAYER VIGIL

**Date:** 31/5-2/6/24 Friday - Sunday

**Where:** Holy Name Church, Bridge St Tmba

In honour of the Feast of Corpus Christi, Holy Name Parish will be holding a 40hr Prayer Vigil with Eucharistic Adoration. To find out more and register for a shift, [visit the Facebook Event Page](#).

## DV SAFE PHONE

Many of us take our mobile phones for granted. But did you know your old phone could literally save a life? DV Safe Phone collects, repurposes, and gifts mobile phones to victims of domestic violence (DV). These phones provide a lifeline to call for help when it is needed most. There are multiple collection points for DV Safe Phone across our diocese, visit [dvsafephone.org/donate-phones](https://dvsafephone.org/donate-phones) to find out more about how to donate your unused phone.

## VOLUNTEERS NEEDED WINTER SHELTER

Winter Shelter – This year St Thomas More's has been allocated three evenings to host the homeless on 24 June, 22 July and 19 August. Jacinta, Parish Coordinator invites you to volunteer during this time to assist in feeding and providing a safe supervised space for people to rest for the night. If you are interested in giving your time please contact Jacinta at [parishoffice@stthomasmores.org.au](mailto:parishoffice@stthomasmores.org.au) for more information.

## REMEMBER A LOVED ONE WITH CARITAS AUSTRALIA

Caritas Australia is offering the community a new way to honour the legacy of their loved ones by donating to help the world's most vulnerable people forge a path out of poverty. Asking for donations to Caritas Australia in lieu of flowers is a way to pay tribute to a loved one who was a supporter of Caritas Australia or was passionate about supporting those less fortunate. Those interested can find out more at <https://inmemoriam.caritas.org.au/>



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SATURDAY 1 JUNE 2024 | 6 PM MASS  
FOLLOWED BY ACTIVITIES & DINNER  
CHILDREN IN YEARS 5+ WELCOME

Register attendance via  
the Parish office  
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